amalgamating five or six banks to attain the clout and capability of funding large scale infrastructure projects in the country.

(b) Does not arise.

**Outlay incurred on Photo-identity Cards to Electors**

*65. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the total outlay incurred till now to issue photo-identity cards to electors and the breakdown of this outlay according to States and Union Territories;

(b) the formula for sharing this cost between the Centre and the States and the Union Territories; and

(c) whether representations have been received from the States for a change in this formula?

THE MINSITER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) Details of total outlay released by the Central Government on issue of Photo Identity Cards to the electorate and the break-up according to the States and Union Territories (with Legislature) as well as Union Territories (without Legislature) are given in the enclosed statement-I and statement-II (*see* below), respectively. No amount has been released to any State Government/Union territory during the year 1996-97.

(b) As per scheme formulated by the Election Commission the Central Government has agreed to reimburse 50% of the cost of issuance of Photo Identity Cards to the States/Union Territories (without Legislature). However, in the case of Union Terriotories (without legislature). entire expenditure is borne by the Central Government.

(c) Although certain States had initially asked for higher allocation for implementing the scheme, yet the Central Government decided to go by the funding arrangement worked out by Election Commission which stipulates 50% reimbursement of cost on issuance of Photo Identity Cards.

**Statement—I**

*The amount released to the State Govts. in 1994-95 and 1995-96 on account of issuance of Photo Identity Cards to Voters.*

| S. No. | Name of the States. | Amout released in 1994-95 (in Rs.) | Amout released in 1995-96 (in Rs.) | Total 1 & 2 (in Rs.) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Andrha Pradesh | 17,71,37,000 | 17,38,63,000 | 35,10,00,000 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 93,46,120 | 35,29,000 | 1,28,75,120 |
| 3. | Assam | 5,49,20,000 | 6,98,03,000 | 12,47,23,000 |
| 4. | Bihar | 22,76,00,000 | 12,77,92,000 | 35,53,92,000 |
| 5. | Delhi | 2.94,21,000 | 2,89,11,000 | 5,83,32,000 |
| 6. | Goa | 31,93,000 | 23,83,000 | 55,76,000 |
| 7. | Gujarat | 12,25,84,508 | 7,24,16,000 | 19,50,00,508 |
| 8. | Haryana | 5.13.34,000 | 2,47,51,000 | 7,60,85,000 |
| 9. | Himachal Pradesh | 2.15.61,000 | 1,62,16,000 | 3,77,77,000 |
| 10. | J & K | 1,69,07,000 | — | 1,69,07,000 |
| 11. | Karnataka | 13,52,92,000 | 8,56,61,000 | 22,09,53,000 |
| 12. | Kerala | 7.50.00,000 | — | 7,50,00,000 |
| 13. | Madhya Pradesh | 16,08,14,000 | 8,91,92,000 | 25,00,06,000 |

| S. No. | Name of the States. | Amout released in 1994-95 (in Rs.) | Amout released in 1995-96 (in Rs.) | Total 1 & 2 (in Rs.) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 14. | Maharashtra | 20,49,59,884 | 27,49,20,000 | 47,98,79,884 |
| 15. | Manipur | 1,40,72,244 | 1,38,38,000 | 2,79,10,244 |
| 16. | Meghalaya | 1,01,67,000 | 1,47,67,000 | 2,49,34,000 |
| 17. | Mizoram | 15,70,000 | 94,65,000 | 1,10,35,000 |
| 18. | Nagaland | 32,52,000 | 2,17,08,000 | 2,49,60,000 |
| 19. | Orissa | 8,44,78,244 | 9,30,22,000 | 17,75,00,244 |
| 20. | Pondicherry | 35,93,000 | 24,46,000 | 60,39,000 |
| 21. | Punjab | 5,53,07,000 | 5,20,45,000 | 10,73,52,000 |
| 22. | Rajasthan | 11,36,00,000 | 6,64,00,000 | 18,00,00,000 |
| 23. | Sikkim | 21,92,000 | 17,43,000 | 39,36,000 |
| 24. | Tamil Nadu | 16,17,05,000 | 18,27,50,000 | 34,44,55,000 |
| 25. | Tripura | 66,93,000 | 48,57,000 | 1,15,50,000 |
| 26. | Uttar Pradesh | 36,84,00,000 | 36,84,03,000 | 73,68,03,000 |
| 27. | West Bengal | 13,50,00,000 | 14,52,00,000 | 28,02,00,000 |
| | TOTAL : | 225,01,00,000 | 194,60,81,000 | 419,61,81,000 |

* The amount has been allowed to be utilised for other electoral expenses as the scheme of issuance of Photo Identity Cards to Voters introduced by the Election Commission, has not been made applicable by the Commission in the case of Jammu & Kashmir.

**Statement—II**

*The total outlay incurred on the issuance of Photo identity cards to the Voters in the five Union Territories (without Legislatures) in 1994-95 and 1995-96.*

| S. No. | Name of the Union Territory | Amout incurred in 1994-95 (Rs.) | Amout incurred in 1995-96 (Rs.) | Total (Rs.) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Chandigarh | 27,66,911 | 18,96,545 | 46,63,456 |
| 2. | Dadra & Nagar Haveli | 2,00,000 | 2,96,000 | 4,96,000 |
| 3. | Andaman & Nicobar | 2,43,40,276 | 25,86,000 | 2,69,26,276 |
| 4. | Lakshadweep | 7.97.589 | 69,478 | 8,67,067 |
| 5. | Daman & Diu | 2,99,093 | 2,35,818 | 5,34,911 |
| | TOTAL : | 2,84,03,869 | 50,83,841 | 3,34,87,710 |